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SUBJ: GARRISON DIVERSION

- 1. OTTAWA JOURNAL ON FEBRUARY 9 PUBLISHED ARTICLE ENTITLED "GARRISON DAM OUR ENVOYS MAY HARDEN PROJECT STAND". ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, DATELINE WASHINGTON, "CANADA'S DIPLOMATS ARE WEIGHING WHETHER TO ABANDON THEIR REFLEXIVE PUBLIC CAUTION AND TAKE A STRONG STAND AGAINST THE GARRISON PROJECT AT OPEN HEARINGS NEXT MONTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION."
- 2. GIST OF ARTICLE IS THAT GOC HAS REVIEWED IJC BOARD REPORTS AND INITIAL ENTHUSIASM FOR IT HAS WANED SHARPLY FOLLOWING CLOSER STUDY. FEAR THAT STORM OF CRITICISM COULD ARISE IF GOC DOES NOT TAKE STRONG POSITION AT IJC HEARINGS HAS PROVOKED GOC TO CHANGE EARLIER POSITIVE ATTITUDE.
- 3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SOURCES, ARTICLE IS HIGHLY INACCURATE AND PROBABLY BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH CERTAIN TECHNICIANS IN ENVIRONMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANADA, PARTICULARLY IN ITS FISHERIES DIVISION. EXTAFF SOURCES STATE THAT GOC IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THE REPORT AND HAS NOT TAKEN OFFICIAL POSITION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. NEXT GOC IN-HOUSE MEETING ON SUBJECT SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 23, AT WHICH TIME GOC MAY REXPRESS ITS VIEWS OFFICIALLY. ENDERS

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